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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Hiroshi Sato (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR), having a post office address of 336-406, Kitabukurocho-2-chome, Omiya-shi, Japan, am a co-inventor (along with Moorthy S.S. Palanki, Shripad S. Bhagwat, Paul E. Erdman and Mary Doubleday) of an invention entitled "NEUROPROTECTIVE AGENTS AND METHODS RELATED THERETO," as described and claimed in the specification forming part of an application for United States letters patent executed herewith; which claims the benefit of United States Provisional Application No. (awaiting), filed July 25, 2000; which provisional application was originally filed as United States Application No. 09/450,245, filed November 29, 1999 and converted to the above-identified provisional application by Petition mailed July 25, 2000;

WHEREAS, Nippon Kayaku Co., Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), a corporation, having a place of business at Tokyo Fujimi Bldg., 11-2, Fujimi 1-chome, Chiyodaku, Tokyo 102-8172, Japan, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and in and to any letters patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto said ASSIGNEE, his entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and any and all letters patent which may be granted for said invention in the United States of America and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries, and in any and all divisions, reissues and continuations thereof, including the right to file foreign applications directly in the name of ASSIGNEE and to claim priority rights deriving from said United States application to which said foreign applications are entitled by virtue of international convention, treaty or otherwise, said invention, application and all letters patent on said invention to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE and its successors and assigns for their use and benefit and of their successors and assigns as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNOR had this assignment, transfer and sale not been made. ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all letters patent on said invention to ASSIGNEE. ASSIGNOR agrees to execute all instruments and documents required for the making and prosecution of applications for United States and foreign letters required for the making and prosecution of applications for United States and foreign letters

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